Hixburg

Hixburg, June 23.- Again Kinckle Martin is a winner! Last week he attended the State F. F. A. Convention in Blacksburg. He was awarded a State Farmers degree, and won second prize in the State Forestry contest.

Ann Martin spent last week at the Y. W. A. Camp at Ridgecrest, N. C.

Many relatives and friends from a distance attended the funeral of Mr. Wilson Hix, at the Hixburg Cemetery, on Thursday afternoon. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. H. Anderson, of Elon Baptist Church, and the Rev. W. M. Black, retired Baptist minister of Pamplin.

Gathered at the home of Mrs. Frank Irving on Thursday afternoon were 17 members of the Pamplin Home Demonstration Club. After the discussion of the making of sherbets and ice cream, the membership decided to serve a dinner to the Ruritans in the Pamplin school cafeteria, on the evening of July 11. Mrs. Boyd Ford and Mrs. H. M. Marshall will be cohostesses to the July club meeting.

Mrs. Mae Cleland (nee Mae Gilliam) of Washington, is staying with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sears, while the bone in her arm knits after a bad break.

Mary Frances Goin spent last week at the Pioneer Youth Conference in Hampden-Sydney.

Jim Carson and Henry Covington went to a cattle sale near Richmond on Saturday.

Mr. Wilbur Maxwell, of the Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, will preach at the Presbyterian Church at Hixburg next Sunday, June 29, at 11:00 A. M.

B. T. U. members assembled at Elon Baptist Church at Pamplin on Saturday afternoon and went on a hayride to Holliday Lake, where they had a picnic supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rosser and Una Garrett chaperoned the party.

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Spout Spring

Spout Spring, June 24.- Rev. William Moon and family, of Franktown were recent guests of his parents.

Miss Shirley Walton, of Alexandria spent last week in the home of her parents.

Mr. J. A. Martin, who has been sick for some time, is out again.

Mrs. George Richardson, of Lynchburg was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moon Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Almond are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Almond, of Lynchburg.

Those who visited Mrs. Juddy Glover Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Green and Miss Audrey Lee Anderson, of Farmville, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Tolley and son, Roy Allen, of Lynchburg.

Mrs. Anne Anderson, of Farmville called to see her mother, Mrs. Juddy Glover Thursday night.

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Voice for God

Lesson for June 29, 1958

WHAT does the voice of God sound like? That is an important question, but perhaps a rare one. For the Bible, and all religious experience, teach us that God more often than not speaks indirectly rather than directly. The practical problem that all serious - minded people have to settle is: Out of all the many voices that claim to be speaking for God, how can I tell which really are voices for God? To name only a few, there are the Pope, and Mary Baker Eddy, and Joseph Smith, and Billy Graham, and Oral Roberts, and the Jehovah's Witnesses, and the local preacher, and maybe your mother-in-law, all laying claim, one way or another to be telling you exactly what God wants you to do. There were, and there still are, true prophets and false. How do we know which is which? How can we tell the genuine voices for God?

Dr. Foreman

A Strange Story

Back in the Old Testament there is a strange incident about an old man and a young boy, Eli and Samuel. The old man was a high priest, the boy was only a helper around the shrine. Yet one morning the boy came to the man and gave him a terrible message, a message which, he said, God had told him to take to the old man Eli. It was one of the most horrifying predictions that could come to a man. Yet after Eli had heard what the boy Samuel had to say, the old priest's only comment was: "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." Now, perhaps we can get some light on our problem, if we inquire, How did Eli know that Samuel's voice was genuinely a voice for God?

God Is No Echo

First of all, this did not sound like Samuel. It was not the kind of thing Samuel would have liked to say. Eli was his oldest and best friend, he was (as we would say) his boss. A word from Eli and young Samuel would have had to go home to his mother. Saying what Samuel did (the whole story is in the Bible material for this week), was likely to lose him an old friend and to risk his position and future. Further, it was most certainly not what Eli wanted to hear. It was not by any means a comforting, encouraging message. There are people who claim that "God" is only a name for the projection of our wishes; a great loud echo in the sky, echoing our dearest desires. Not at all. The true God is no echo. Even a lazy incompetent man like Eli (for priest though he was, he was a mighty poor one) knew better than that.

In the Middle of Conscience

In the second place, Eli knew that Samuel's voice was a voice for God, because it hurt him in a sensitive spot, namely right in the middle of his conscience. Now persons without a conscience, or a conscience seared by sin, or twisted and half-demented, have not this way of knowing. But Eli had still, we may believe, some genuine spark of conscience in him, though he had poured the cold water of indifference on it these many years. This voice that came to him in Samuel's boyish treble was still a true voice for God, because it told him what, deep down, he knew was the truth. He had been doing wrong. He who was expected to be spiritual leader of his people had been (literally) asleep on his job. He knew he deserved no good from God. And when Samuel told him so, Eli knew that Samuel was a voice for God.

Voice for God and Voice of God

A third point is this: The voice for God, any true voice for him, does not contradict the voice of God. Now Eli did not have our Bible; but he did have some of the early part of it. He had some knowledge of the Law of God as it had come to his forefathers in the Ten Commandments. What Samuel told him was exactly in line with what Eli must have understood to be the genuine voice of God. We today have a much fuller and clearer revelation than Eli had, in our Holy Bible. As a New Testament writer puts it, God in these days has spoken to us by his Son. Any voice, claiming to be for God, that contradicts what we know of God in Jesus Christ, we can ignore; for we can be sure it is the voice of a faker.

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U. D. C. SPEAKER

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The regular monthly meeting of the Appomattox Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. A. J. Zastrow, Mrs. Kenneth Coleman on the subject of Jeff Davis. The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Jerry A. Burke, president. The address follows:

"The great soldier, a great Secretary of War, a great statesman, a great Christian, and a great American—Jefferson Davis.

Jefferson Davis is noteworthy not for his birth but in the entire nation, where he served nobly and well from the time of his graduation at West Point in 1828 and his resignation from the Senate on Jan. 21, 1861, at which time his beloved South was forced by his decision to withdraw from the Union.

Jefferson Davis was born June 3, 1808 in Todd County, Kentucky. This is only 40 miles from the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, who was born eight months later.

His ancestors on his father's side originally came to this country from South Wales in 1701 and settled in Pennsylvania, later moving to South Carolina. His grandfather, Samuel Davis was born in 1754 and despite his youth served as a captain in the Revolutionary War.

The family finally settled in Mississippi, which was to be the real home of Jefferson Davis for the rest of his life.

At the age of seven, his parents, who were most anxious for the boy to have an education, sent him to a privately owned school in Kentucky.

On the journey to Kentucky, he was accompanied by Major Hinds, a family friend and they stopped and spent the night at "The Hermitage," home of Andrew Jackson. The famous old warrior made such an impression on the child's mind that the influence remained throughout Davis' entire life.

Jefferson Davis entered Transylvania University at the age of sixteen and made many friends, who were loyal to him throughout his life.

Upon graduation from the University, he entered West Point. Also attending West Point at the time were Robert E. Lee, Albert Sidney Johnston, Leonidas Polk and Joseph E. Johnston. These men all later became generals of the Confederacy and some lost their lives on the battlefield.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant after his graduation and served on the Northwestern frontier. During his service the Black Hawk War occurred and when Black Hawk was captured he was sent to St. Louis in the custody of Lt. Davis. Such was his tact and courtesy that the Indians conferred on him the title of Little Chief. Davis would not allow the curious crowds to make a spectacle of the Chief and his braves and he was their protector. Black Hawk remembered his kindness all his life.

In June, 1835, he married the daughter of Zackary Taylor, who later became President. At the time of his marriage, Jeff Davis resigned from the army. However, his bride died of malaria in six weeks, and for ten years he lived in seclusion on his plantation near Vicksburg, Miss. In February, 1845, Miss Varina Howell became his wife, and in December of that year he was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives. He served until June, 1846, only six months, when he resigned to accept a commission as Colonel of a Mississippi regiment in the Mexican War. Under his leadership, the regiment turned the tide of battle in the Battle of Monterey in September of that same year. In Feb., 1847, General Zackary Taylor chose Davis as his chief assistant in the Battle of Buena Vista, probably the most decisive battle of the war. In his report of the battle, Gen. Taylor has this to say in praise of Davis:" Col. Davis, though severely wounded, remained in the saddle until the close of action. His distinguished coolness and gallantry and the heavy loss of his regiment on this day entitle him to the particular notice of his government."

He returned to his home in Mississippi at the close of the Mexican War and a few weeks later was appointed by the Governor to the U. S. Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sen. Speight. He served in the Senate until 1851, when he resigned to retire to his plantation. Pres. Franklin Pierce appointed him Secretary of War in March, 1853, and many historians are of the opinion that he was the best Secrefhry of War the country has ever had.

At this point, I should like to mention some of the accomplishments of his administration:

1. Made great advances for the army—in men, regulations and equipment.

2. A road to the Coast was undertaken—which we today know as the Jefferson Davis Highway, and which the U. D. C. has promoted as a memorial to his interest in the route.

3. A magnificaent aqueduct, which still after 100 years, supplies the city of Washington with pure water.

4. The completion of work on the Capitol, which had lagged for forty years.

5. The founding of the Smithsonian Institution, of which he was perhaps the most efficient regent.

In 1857, Mr. Davis returned to the U. S. Senate and remained there until Jan., 1861.

On Feb. 9, 1861, he was elected President of the Confederacy and served in this office until the close of the war.

For two years, May, 1865, to May 1867, he was a prisoner in Fortress Monroe, Va. This was the same prison to which he had conducted Black Hawk when he was a young lieutenant. He was never brought to trial as there was nothing to support the charges against him.

Jefferson Davis served his entire country and his services are unique:
Military hero
Representative
Senator
and Secretary of War.

We feel that his fame is growing with the years as the clouds of bitterness and misunderstanding are being dissolved in the light of history.

Jefferson Davis has five great grandsons, all of whom served overseas in World War II. He has four great granddaughters, all of whose husbands also served in this war. Thus, the descendants of the President of the Confederacy carry on his heritage.

The words of James Redpath, a lifelong political opponent of Davis, describe him thus: "He is a statesman, who served his people faithfully without thought of self, with unbending integrity and to the best of his great ability; he was a man of whom all his countrymen who knew him personally without distinction of creed or politics, are proud, and proud that he is their countryman."

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Stonewall

Stonewall, June 24.- The farmers are all wishing for sunshine to dry the wheat off, so the binders and combines can save the crop. Seems to be a good wheat crop everywhere.

Vacation time for the children and teachers is here once more, and I know they are happy over it.

Mr. and Mrs. Layton Howerton, of South Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Davis Smith and son, David, of Lynchburg, Mr. Jessie Davidson and Miss Joy Davidson, of Appomattox spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Keeling Sisson and son, of Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Christian and granddaughter, of Covington visited Mr. and Mrs G. Parks Jennings over the week-end. Mrs. Christian visited her ill sister, Mrs. Lyle Caldwell in Lynchburg while here. Mrs. Caldwell is still very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ray Burnette and son, Tim visited Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Drinkard, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Drinkard, Jr., of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carson and Mrs. Rob Thornhill, of Lynchburg, spent Monday in the Chick home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Showalter and Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell Smith and children, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Misses Winnie and Barbara Lee, Laura and Carey Anne Carson, and Bettie Jane Alvis are all spending this week at Blacksburg, as 4-H Club members.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Carson and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson last week.

Mrs. Henry Beard and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick visited Mrs. J. E. Chick at Spout Spring last Sunday. She is spending the summer at her country home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Drinkard and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Drinkard and Donald Lee expect to spend next week in McGregory, Texas, with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Pass. Mrs. Pass and baby son will return home with them for a visit of several weeks. Mrs. Pass is the former Arlene Drinkard of near here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shephenson, Jr. and two girls, of Norfolk, expect to spend next week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chick.

Mrs. J. H. Beard spent part of last week with her daughter, Mrs. Zelia Chapman and her family at Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson were visitors in Lynchburg Saturday.

The W. M. U. of Hebron Church will meet in the home of Mrs. Bert Stratton on Friday night of this week.

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